

### **In the Specification**

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following:

### **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is the National Stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP 2004/002916, filed March 19, 2004, and claims priority of German Patent Application 103 12 787.9, filed March 21, 2003.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 54, change the paragraph beginning at line 29 to read as follows:

If the intermediate variable  $F_{\mu\_Plaus}$  has again a value which corresponds to a slippery underlying surface while the vehicle is traveling the distance corresponding to the first distance value, a second distance value which is greater than the first distance value is assigned to the odometer. The second ~~odometer~~ distance value is of the order of magnitude of 1000 meters. This ensures that if the intermediate variable  $F_{\mu\_Plaus}$  again assumes the value which represents an underlying surface with good grip, the vehicle must travel for a longer distance before the friction coefficient value  $F_{\mu}$  is assigned again the value which represents an underlying surface with good grip.